

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Kazuya SATO et al.)
) **PRIOR APPLICATION:**
Divisional Application of:)
Application No.: 09/783,295) Group Art Unit: 2877
Filed: February 15, 2001)
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For: METHOD FOR INSPECTING)
EXPOSURE APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.